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MINISTER'S TRAVEL PLANS

REF: SAN JOSE 4475 (12/20/73) AND 0349 (1/30/74)

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: EMBASSY OFFICERS HELD EXTENSIVE CONVERSATION
WITH LABOR MINISTER FRANCISCO MORALES FEBRUARY 1 TO NAIL DOWN
MINISTER'S SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR US SUPPORT OF IESTRA
AND TO FORMULATE HIS TRAVEL PLANS TO US.

2. MORALES SAID HE WOULD LIKE THE US TO PROVIDE A PROFESSOR TO
EACH LABOR ARBITRATION AND CONCILIATION FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER
AT IESTRA WHICH BEGINS IN EARLY JULY. HE ADDED THAT IF THE
PROFESSOR COULD ARRIVE IN MAY OR JUNE, SO MUCH THE BETTER. THE
MINISTER SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO HIS TEACHING DUTIES, THE
PROFESSOR MIGHT ALSO ASSIST IN THE FORMULATION OF
CURRICULUM AT IESTRA BUT THAT PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY
IN THIS AREA WOULD REST WITH AN EXPERT ALREADY PROMISED BY
THE ILO. FOR THE MOMENT, MORALES IS REQUESTING THE
PROFESSOR FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER, BUT CLEARLY WOULD LIKE
HIM OR A REPLACEMENT TO REMAIN AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

3. AS NOTED IN REFTEL, AID/CR HAS ABOUT \$12,000 AVAILABLE
TO SUPPORT IESTRA PROFESSOR. AID WILL FINANCE MINISTER'S
TRAVEL TO THE US.

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4. MINISTER MORALES PROPOSES TO TRAVEL TO THE US FEBRUARY 24 AND TO REMAIN UNTIL MARCH 10. HE HAS TAKEN THE LIBERTY TO INFORM THE PRESS OF HIS PLANS. HIS PRIMARY INTERESTS ARE TO VISIT DROTNING AT CORNELL TO RECEIVE AN ORIENTATION OF HOW THE ILR SCHOOL IS SET UP, AND THEN TO VISIT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SCHOOL OF COOPERATIVISM, WITH WHICH HE HAS NOT ESTABLISHED CONTACT. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT MORALES INITIATE HIS TRIP WITH ONE- OR TWO-DAY STOP IN WASHINGTON FOR APPOINTMENTS (E.G. WITH LAZAR, PEZZULLO, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, AND POSSIBLY O'GRADY). SINCE A NEW DIRECTOR OF IESTRA STILL HAS NOT BEEN NAMED, MORALES WILL TRAVEL ALONE. THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT MORALES WILL INVITE LA NACION REPORTER EDGAR ARCE TO ACCOMPANY HIM AT MINISTRY EXPENSE. IF ARCE TRAVELS, USIS MAY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS VISIT TO PROGRAM SOME APPOINTMENTS WITH THE MEDIA. THIS WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE USIS MESSAGE.

5. MINISTER MORALES IS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HIS UPCOMING TRIP TO THE US AND HAS EMPHASIZED THAT HIS PRINCIPAL MISSION IS TO ATTEMPT TO FORGE SOME PERMANENT LINKS WITH US UNIVERSITIES, E.E. CORNELL AND THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, IN THE FIELDS OF LABOR RELATIONS AND COOPERATIVES. HE EMPHASIZED THAT EVEN AFTER HE LEAVES THE MINISTRY IN MAY, HE WILL CONTINUE AS ADVISOR TO IESTRA AND REITERATED THAT THE ODUBER ADMINISTRATION IS PLEDGED TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO ALERT DROTNING, OF CORNELL, TO MORALES' TRAVEL PLANS AND TO ASSIST AS NECESSARY IN COORDINATING MINISTER'S PROGRAM THERE. LIKEWISE, DEPARTMENT REQUESTED INFORM AND COORDINATE MINISTER'S VISIT TO UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS SINCE MORALES HAS NOT INITIATED CONTACTS WITH WISCONSIN. THIRD, APPROPRIATE SCHEDULE FOR WASHINGTON VISIT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. EMBASSY REQUESTS OUTLINE OF MORALES' SCHEDULE AT BOTH UNIVERSITIES AND WASHINGTON, AS WELL AS THE NAMES OF HIS PRINCIPAL CONTACT IN EACH PLACE. MORALES WILL NEED AN INTERPRETER DURING ENTIRE STAY.

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7. MORALES' SCHEDULE SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH HIS BROTHER, RICARDO MORALES, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE COSTA RICAN UN MISSION IN NEW YORK, AS MINISTER WISHES TO VISIT HIM THERE AT SOME POINT DURING HIS TRIP.
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